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# Section of Researchers Council Orientation package

# Section of Researchers (SOR)

- SOR is the section of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) that represents members who have an interest in Primary Care research in Canada.
- We are diverse. There is something for everyone; whether you are a “hardcore” researcher, a novice or just curious.
- Members include family physicians and associate members of the CFPC.
- We are clinicians and researchers with a common interest to improve the health of Canadians through innovation and evidence.

# Section of Researchers Council

- The SOR Council is the governing body of the SOR comprised of appointed representatives from family medicine and primary care research chosen from across Canada. Its activities include advocating for and supporting family medicine research in Canada, developing and implementing the SOR's [Blueprint for Family Medicine Research Success](#), and monitoring the progress of the SOR's activities.
- Council members comprise a purposeful mix of representatives from regions, gender, academia, and community. The SOR Council holds two face-to-face meetings each year and the SOR Chair reports on the activities of the Council to the members of the SOR and the College's Board of Directors.

# Role of the SOR Council members

- SOR Council members serve as the key communication link between the SOR Council and the constituency that elected /appointed them (Academic, Geographic, Section, etc.) by providing timely reports of the activities of the SOR Council (key issues, policies, positions, and other activities discussed and/or approved by the SOR Council) to the constituency and similarly bringing issues from the constituency to the SOR Council.
- The role of the representatives on council is to speak on behalf of the group, advocate and bring forward their perspective on behalf of the groups they represent.

# Section of Researchers Action Groups

## Groupes d'action de la Section des chercheurs

- Action Group for Advocacy in Research (AGAR)
- Family Medicine Forum Research Committee (FMFRC)
- Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)
- Research Community of Practice (RCoP)

# Action Group for Advocacy in Research (AGAR)

AGAR is an Action Group of the Section of Researchers Council.

- It advocates for the value of family medicine and primary health care research.
- It advocates for increased funding for family medicine and primary health care research.

# Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN)

The first point of contact for patients seeking care is usually community-based primary care practices. Yet, the majority of research continues to be done in specialty care or hospital settings. Primary care PBRNs address this gap.

- A PBRN is a group of primary care clinicians and practices working together to answer community-based health care questions.
- PBRNs engage clinicians in quality improvement and research activities. They are “living laboratories of primary care practice”.
- As part of PBRNs, clinicians have the opportunity to increase their research skills, and benefit from linkages to experienced researchers.
- There are over 16 PBRNs across the country. Join one and get help from colleagues who know your reality.

# Research Community of Practice (RCOP)

RCOP is an Action Group of the Section of Researchers' Council.

- It is developing a new virtual Canada-wide community of practice of individuals with an interest in research and scholarly activity.
- RCOP will provide a welcoming forum that allows CFPC members and others to connect with each other, share and learn from one another.
- It will provide access to some of the best academics and educators in the country.
- The community will be interdisciplinary and diverse. It will include physicians, residents, researchers, trainees and professionals from a variety of areas, including epidemiology, public health, sociology and health services research.



# Section of Researchers Blueprint 2

## Priority Areas and Overall Objectives

The overall goal of Blueprint 2018–2023 is incorporated into four strategic priority areas. Each priority area includes several objectives and actions.

### Membership

1. Increase awareness of SOR activities among the CFPC membership at large.
2. Increase the recruitment to and the value of SOR membership.

### Advocacy

To advocate for:

1. Ongoing funding for family medicine and primary health care research, training, and career support that is commensurate with the role of primary health care in Canada's health system.
2. A visible and continuing presence of primary care in the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
3. Stable infrastructure funding for practice-based primary care research networks and primary health care data collection, analysis, and reporting.
4. Engaging patients, communities, and clinicians in research and QI activities and setting priorities in these areas.
5. Interprovincial/territorial and international collaboration in primary health care research.

### Capacity Building

1. Strengthen family medicine and primary care research support for early and mid-career clinician-scientists and researchers.
2. Promote the value of practice-based research and advance the growth and sustainability of practice-based research networks (PBRNs).
3. Strengthen the CFPC's capacity to capture, link, use, and share large data with researchers.

### Partnerships

1. Sustain the SOR's role and visibility in the College's priorities, activities, and committees, so that research is a core component of family medicine and primary care.
2. Strengthen the collaboration between the SOR and the CFPC's committees and Sections, the CFPC's Chapters, external academic institutions, funding agencies, the Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) national coordinating office, Indigenous and rural communities, and international primary health care research organizations.
3. Strengthen the participation of patients in the activities undertaken and supported by the SOR.

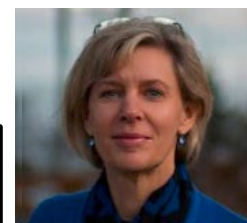
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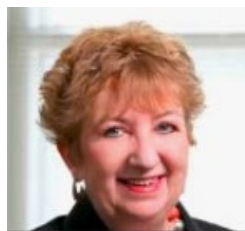
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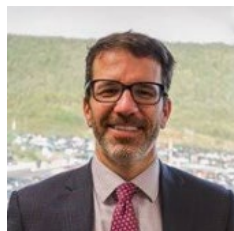
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